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New School Will Open in Bath This Fall

Confirmation is expected shortly that an independent secondary school in Bath will start its first summer session in four months and will open its regular session with about 45 students in September.

Reliable sources have told The Times that the announcement will come of the approval of sale of the Hyde estate by the Pine Tree Society for Crippled Children and Adults to the new school. The Pine Tree Society has previously stated it will relocate its state headquarters and the speech and hearing center in Bath but a new location has not yet been chosen.

The new institution, to be called the Hyde School, after John S. Hyde who built the mansion in 1904, will have headmaster Joseph W. Gauld, formerly headmaster at Berwick Academy. Gauld has already purchased a house on South Street.

The Hyde mansion has approximately 45 rooms and includes a kitchen and laundry adequate for the school. The main building was compartmentalized for the Rehabilitation Center the Pine Tree Society ran there until it was moved to the Maine Medical Center a year ago so that patients could be closer to clinical facilities.

There is also a $170,000 wing built in 1960 which was used as therapy rooms and which will be used as classrooms.

The mansion also has an indoor swimming pool and the 145 acre grounds include a tennis court, a pond, a greenhouse and other facilities.

It is expected that the mansion itself will house about 50 boys and faculty. The first year there will be an additional 35 day students, and although the boarding section of the school will be strictly for boys, there will be girl students on a day basis. The grades size of the school, which should be attained by 1971, is 250 in four classes. Although it will be a college preparatory school emphasis is expected to be placed not so much on college entrance as on educational and development of the individual students.

Gauld received his Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degree from Bowdoin and his Masters degree in mathematics from Boston University. He has 15 years of experience in independent schools, as chairman of the mathematics department, head coach of football, basketball and baseball, director of athletics, director of admissions, director of the summer school and assistant headmaster at the New Hampton (N.H.) School and headmaster of Berwick.

The assistant headmaster of the Hyde school will be Sumner A. Hawley who received his BA from Bowdoin and his Masters in English from Columbia University. He was director of studies both at New Hampton and Berwick.

Gauld is presently hiring faculty and although it will be a relatively young group, all members of the faculty hired so far reportedly have graduate degrees and at least six years of teaching experience.

The summer program, opening in June, will have 40 boys and it is geared for the underachiever who has the potential to do more better academically than he does. Gauld initiated and successfully ran such programs at both New Hampton and Berwick.

The first meeting of the board of trustees was held in December, at which time the school was incorporated.

President of the board is T. Tarpy Schubert of Woolwich, Vice President and Director of the Canal National Bank. Other area members are William E. Haggett, Director of Public Relations for the Bath Iron Works and Leonard C. Mulligan, president of the Gibbons Company, both of Bath and A. Leroy Greason, Jr. of Brunswick, who is Dean of Bowdoin College.

The other trustees are: L. Fabian Bachrach, Jr., of Newton, Mass., Executive Vice-President of Bachrach Studios, Inc., among the world's most famous photographers of men; John Chandler, Boston, Past President of the National Association of Independent Schools and former headmaster of the Groton Point (Michigan) University School, and Philip J. Woodward of Winchester, Mass., a partner in the law firm of Hussemann, Davison and Shattack.

Gauld is an ex officio member of the board.

Reportedly, the school will not simply be another college preparatory school but will "try to overcome the impersonal trend developing in education today" and will try to develop the full potential of each student through close contact with the faculty and full participation in varied school activities.

According to Pine Tree Society Executive Director William F. Haney, the speech and hearing program will continue to expand in Bath and the Society is presently looking for new quarters in the downtown area. They presently use 8,000 square feet. Presumably, the Pine Tree Society would have moved by the time the summer session begin in June.

At present, the Hyde Speech and Hearing Center serves 140 children from Portland to Rockland. Under the Direction of Harry N. Smith, the center works with children who have speech and hearing defects and with "brain damaged" or perceptually disorganized children.

Tough Code Enforcement Termed a 'Must' for Bath

Stronger code enforcement is needed in Bath if the community is going to eliminate its scattered patches of deteriorated housing, according to Planning Consultant John Atwood of Community Planning Services.

Atwood, who is working on an updating of the city's 1959 comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance amendments and a neighborhood analysis, told the Planning Board last night he saw no need for a federally aided demolition or rehabilitation project under urban renewal to correct Bath's housing deficiencies.

But the professional city planner said a street by street survey of the community revealed several pockets of deterioration and he urged the city to consider employing a full-time person to enforce building and housing codes in the community.

Atwood urged the city apply for funds under a code enforcement program of the federal government. He said federal funds are available to pay three quarters of the cost of additional code enforcement.

He said the Planning Board should recommend to City Council that the city get the "best full-time housing code enforcement officer you can find" and suggested one of his first chores should be to "develop a housing code with teeth in it."

The planner told the Board the present city housing code appears to be inadequate.

Atwood discussed at length some if the 1960 census figures reporting on housing in Bath and indicated he agreed with earlier contentions by city officials that the figures distort conditions.

The census reported more than 900 substandard housing units in the community, but Atwood said his survey indicates "this just ain't so."

Though much of the housing in Bath is older than that in comparable Maine communities, Atwood said his survey indicates that most appears to be well kept up.

He warned, however, of the danger of spreading blight unless adequate standards are enforced, and emphasized that the percentage of good housing doesn't mean there are no problems.

Atwood stressed that his report was still in its preliminary stages and said further study is required before firm conclusions are reached.

The city planner was concerned about the low percentage of housing built during the decade of the 1950's. Census figures show that only 3.5 per cent of Bath's housing was built in that 10-year period. This compares with 15.6 per cent of Brunswick housing built during the same period, and Brunswick's figures are identical to the statewide average, the planner said.

In contrast to the lack of housing and commercial development during the years since the 1959 planning report, Atwood reported "big strides in the area of public improvements."

Milliken and Atwood both reported on the rapidly changing federal program to aid cities and towns and urged that Bath be prepared to take advantage of some of these.

Planning Board member Donald J. Emery asked about the possibility or reviving the defeated downtown Bath urban renewal program and Chairman John F. Leonard commented that he has been approached by dozens of persons asking if this is possible.

But Planning Board member Frank Ouellis said he doubted if any such proposal would be in the interests of the city at this time.

He said any such effort would require the active support of the leaders of the opposition and he indicated he saw no signs of this happening.

Other Board members at the meeting include Paul Karsat, Donald Bell and Alvin Gedman.

In other action the Board voted to notify City Council that one associate member has attended but one meeting in his year on the board. The Board suggests that Council appoint a replacement.

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News Notes From Maine

GOP LOOKS AHEAD

AUGUSTA (AP) — State Rep. Jon A. Lund, R-Augusta, believes the Republican state resolutions committee, of which he is chairman, will draft a progressive platform that will "break new ground this year."

"The Maine Republican party has been painted a little more conservative — perhaps, as a result of the 1964 elections — that, it really is," Lund said Tuesday during a meeting at which his committee began preliminary work on the platform.

The committee will hold public hearings in Portland, Augusta and Bangor. The final draft of the platform will be submitted for approval at the Republican state convention in Augusta April 22-23.

THEFT INVESTIGATED

Bath police are investigating the theft of two tires and some mechanical tools from the trunk of a car owned by a Middle Street resident.

According to the report to police the items disappeared from his car sometime between a week

WASTE WATER BATTLE

STANDISH (AP) — St. Joseph's College will hold a public information meeting and news conference tonight on its proposal for a waste water control plant to build a dormitory for 150 students.

The college said Tuesday the meeting will be attended by Dr. Bruce Hanes, a Tufts University professor and consultant to the U. S. Public Health Service.

WEATHER

Cloudy tonight with snow spreading North and East through the state but likely becoming mixed with or changing to sleet and freezing rain in the south. Low temperatures in the 20s. Thursday precipitation changing to snow flurries north portion but ending followed by partial clearing south portion and little change in temperature.

Sun sets 5:10; rises 6:36

High tide 10:16 tonight. 10:28 Thursday a.m.

(One hour earlier on the coast.) Day's length 10 hours, 31 minutes. Day's increase 1 hour, 43 minutes over shortest day.

THROUGH THE STUDIO WINDOW, a watercolor by Vincent A. Hartgen of the University of Maine, which is now on display at the Patten Free Library in Bath. Story on page 5.

Gls Face Vicious Ants and Rats

By JOHN T. WHEELER

CU CHI, South Viet Nam (AP) — Special squads of American "Tunnel Rats," armed with tear gas, explosives and DDT spray bombs, prowl the vast and deadly Viet Cong tunnel system under and around this newest U.S. stronghold.

Threatened by Viet Cong ambush, cave-ins, spiders, rats and millions of vicious black ants, the Gls are dedicated to the destruction of what one called "the little IRT," after one of New York's subway lines.

The Viet Cong have dug tunnels and underground hideouts throughout the country, but none is more sophisticated than the vast complex which stretch, as perhaps 35 miles from just west of Saigon to the Cambodian border. The network was begun 20 years ago during the war against the French. It has survived countless bombings, military operations and powerful smoke and tear-gas machines.

Now the Tunnel Rats, picked for their small size and strong nerves, are attacking the tunnels from inside the complex.

It's a strange world in the multilayered tunnel system. So far the Gls' worst enemies have been the large black ants rather than booby traps of Viet Cong lying in ambush in the system they know so well.

On one underground expedition, Spec. 4 Neil Kohl of Volin, S.D., reported on his specially rigged telephone:

"God, I've run into the ants again. There's thousands and thousands of them all over the walls, the ceiling, the floor, everywhere. I'm going to use the bomb" — spray can filled with DDT.

"Okay, I'm moving forward again," Kohl said after several minutes' pause. As he crawled over the mass of ant bodies now covering the floor, Kohl reported, "I didn't get them all, there are some live ones biting me."

The half-inch ants have such a powerful bite that to pull them off often means losing a bit of skin. When they are especially thick the Tunnel Rats puncture the DDT bomb and toss it in, retreating to pick up a gas mask.

On the same trip, Kohl asked his buddies above ground whether any other Gls were in the tunnel with him.

When told none was anywhere near him, the young Gl's voice dropped and reported he heard voices above him. Presumably they were Viet Cong on another level.

The tunnels have proved one of the Viet Cong's most effective tactics. They can blast away furiously from hiding at Allied troops and then scurry underground, closing off the mouth of the tunnel-dwelling Viet Cong. Booby-trapped trapdoor which nearly always escapes detection.

Hundreds of Allied troops have fallen under the guns of the tunnel-dwelling Viet Cong. Many more will until and unless the vast labyrinth is destroyed —a truly monumental job.

The 2nd Brigade of the 25th Division, including the famed Wolfhounds of the 27th Infantry, has been plagued with sniper fire even at brigade headquarters ever since the unit moved 25 miles west of Saigon in late January to Cu Chi.

The Tunnel Rats, temporarily beveled by Capt Herbert Thornton of Morehead City, N.C., have been crawling underground ever since, following tunnels to their junctions with other tunnels, into sleeping areas, up camouflaged entrances into other levels on into a maze seemingly without end.

"These things have got everything but clover leaves," said Thornton, of the 1st Infantry Division. The chemical warfare officer and demolitions expert is helping the newly arrived 25th form its own tunnel-busting squad.

The tunnels are built for Vietnamese and most Americans are too large for the job of slithering through openings and passageways.

When one entrance is found, the Tunnel Rats descend and prowl around exploring until they find another exit and the side passageways leading to other tunnels. Then they blow the first length of tunnel and fill it with CS tear gas. The powder-like particles become thoroughly mixed with the dirt and any Viet Cong who tries to clear the tunnel later would quickly break down since the CS crystals can't escape and dissipate.

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Some Taxpayers Plan to Protest

A group of Lambert Park taxpayers is seeking support for the proposed municipal ordinance to change Bath's method of tax assessments.

Six residents of the area met last evening and mapped plans for a telephone campaign and distribution of flyers today asking residents of the community to attend tonight's public hearing and to support the proposed changes.

Bath taxpayers will get a first-hand opportunity to learn about and comment on Bath's tax assessment problems beginning at 7 o'clock this evening in the City Council chambers.

At that time hearings will be held on two ordinances, one to replace the present part-time board with a single assessor and a second to create a board of assessment review.

A spokesman for the informal Lambert Park organization said his group grew out of published reports indicating tax assessments in the area are among the infinest in the community.

Attending the get together last evening were Edmund St. Pierre of 19 Heath Lane, Arland Smith of 6 Noble Avenue, David C. Pye of 36 Denny Road, Lionel E. Lessard of 36 Noble Avenue, Warren P. Skillings of 39 Denny Road and Donald Dulac of 19 Bowman Street.

The six issued a statement this morning urging all citizens interested in fair tax assessment to attend tonight's meeting and support the proposed ordinances.

They said they are convinced that only through the joint efforts of all persons in Bath interested in good government can the goal of tax equalization be achieved.

Lambert Park home owners in particular were urged to attend tonight's meeting to make their views known.

Persons owning homes in the area have maintained ever since the World War II housing was sold by the government to private buyers seven years ago that tax values assigned by the part-time board of assessors are out of line with taxes elsewhere in Bath.

And the biennial reports of assessment ratios compiled by the State Bureau of Taxation tends to bear out the contention.

Thus, gh the average ratio of selling price to assessment value is 36 percent the ratio in the parks range up to double that figure and in some instances the discrepancy is even higher.

Similar inequities are scattered throughout the city and State Bureau of Taxation figures indicate nearly half his property owners in the city are paying more than their fair share of taxes.

FIRE CALL

An over heated fuse box at a home at 100 High Street, Bath, resulted in a call to firemen yesterday forenoon. Engines three and four and ladder truck one responded and stood by while an electrician was summoned. Damage was restricted to the box. The men returned to Central Station 15 minutes later.

Liquor Vote Seen as High

AUGUSTA (AP) — Deputy Secretary of State Linwood F. Ross has revised upward his estimates of the voter turnout for the Sunday liquor referendum Monday, predicting a total vote of more than 100,000.

Ross, who previously estimated a turnout of 75,000-100,000 said Tuesday he was making the higher prediction because of reports of heavy absentee balloting.

On the public relations front, the "wets" and the "drys," continued to assault each other verbally—mostly with old ammunition.

The Rev. Dr. Elmer N. Bentley of Augusta announced that the United Baptist Convention of Maine, which he heads, will present "overwhelming opposition" at the polls Monday. The convention has 36,000 members in the state.

The Rev. Dr. Bentley said his denomination has traditionally opposed the use and sale of alcoholic beverages. He said he has sent an open letter to 200 Baptist pastors in Maine, detailing his opposition to the referendum proposal.

Secretary of State Kenneth M. Curtis said that as head of the state's election organization, he is not taking an official stand on the question.

However, Curtis said: "If anyone is interested in my personal feelings, as a citizen I am going to vote 'yes.'"

The secretary of state said he has checked with highway safety and law enforcement officials in New Hampshire and Vermont, and was told that Sunday liquor sales in those states created no new enforcement problems and had no adverse effect on traffic accidents rates.

Control of Nuclear Spread Grows Harder

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. (AP) —Dr. Jerome B. Weisner, head of a presidential advisory group studying arms control and disarmament, says the spread of nuclear capability to one or two more nations would probably be the hope for containment of nuclear weapons.

And he says India and Israel are possible new members of the nuclear group.

Weisner, Massachusetts Institute of Technology science dean, said the advisory committee's primary concerns are the possible spread of nuclear weapons and outdated objectives of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

He expressed his views in an interview with Everett S. Allen of the New Bedford Standard-Times, and discussed a committee report submitted to President Johnson Dec. 21.

"Our recommendations concerning Europe," he said, "stemmed from two conclusions. One, we felt that . . . our present military policy is inconsistent with peaceful reunification" of Germany.

"Second, we think the present drift is toward national nuclear powers, and that, if the eventual consequence of this is to allow Germany to become a nuclear power, incalculable danger might result."

His opinions concerned the report of the Committee on Arms Control and Disarmament of the National Citizens Committee of International Cooperation. The report was submitted to the White House Dec. 21.

Dr. Weisner said "too much of NATO planning still is based on old objectives. Many reason that the situation in Europe still is the same as it was 20 years ago.

"Then, the countries were impoverished and discouraged enough to be interested in Communism. Now, it is different. The successes of the last 40 years in Europe make it possible and very desirable to go on to the next stage."

On the problem of nuclear proliferation, Dr. Weisner recalled that in a speech Feb. 3 by Soviet Premier Kosygin before the 17-nation disarmament conference Kosygin called for a ban on the use of nuclear weapons against countries without such weapons on their territory.

The committee report, Weisner pointed out, recommends a clear powers pledging not to attack or threaten to attack with nuclear weapons a non-nuclear power, and promising if a non-nuclear power is thus threatened or attacked, "to defend it with all necessary means."

Weisner said the report also proposes a three-year moratorium on deployment of anti-ballistic missile systems.

"The beginning of deployment by either side," he said, "would cause the other side to do it, too. Psychology and public reaction probably would force both the U. S. and USSR into it, besides compelling us to build more offensive missiles as well."

Weisner added that, "in behalf of the panel, I want to emphasize that we made no proposals that would jeopardize the U. S. security if the agreements we proposed didn't work out.

"Even if we discovered the USSR was building a defensive missile system and we weren't, the delay would not be serious. Such a system takes a long time to build. The U. S. has a big nuclear advantage, and our larger technological ability shows that we could achieve an anti - missile system considerably faster than the Russians."

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